



Empowerment Scholarship Account(ESA) Fund Use

(A.R.S. § 15-2402)

Once ESA funds have been awarded and agreements signed with the Arizona Department of Education, the parent must provide an education for their child in the following subjects: reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies and science. Additionally, districts schools are no longer obligated to provide educational services to the student once an ESA has been accepted by the applicant parent.

Funds for ESAs are approved **ONLY** for the following uses:

1. Tuition, fees and/or required textbooks at a qualified school. A qualified school is defined as a private school in Arizona serving kindergarten, grades one through twelve or a preschool for disabled students. The school must not discriminate on the basis of race, color or national origin.
2. Educational therapies and/or services for the Student from a licensed or accredited practitioner or provider.
3. Tutoring services from an individual or provider who is accredited by a state, regional or national accrediting organization.
4. Purchase of curriculum, generally defined as a complete course of study for a particular content area or grade level.
5. Tuition and/or fees for a private online learning program.
6. Fees for nationally standardized norm-referenced achievement tests, Advanced Placement exams and/or other exams related to college or university admissions such as ACT or SAT.
7. Contributions to a qualified college savings plans, -as authorized by 11 United States Code §529, for the benefit of Student.
8. Tuition, fees and/or required textbooks at public community college or university in Arizona.
9. Account fees charged by Bank administering the ESA.

*Substantial misuse of the ESA Funds may be referred to the Arizona Attorney General's Office if ADE obtains evidence of fraudulent use of the ESA.